

Public Safety Measures Bill (contd.)
Clause I (contd.)

Sri. D. Gnanasigamani: I move the following amendment :

Add as sub-clause (4), the following: "It shall remain in force for a period of one year from the date of its commencement."

I move this amendment because in almost all the States, especially in Madras and Bombay, it is a temporary Act. In the Madras Act, which was passed only two months ago, it was made applicable only for a period of two years. In Bombay, on March 2nd, a similar legislation was passed and it is only intended for a period of three years. I am particularly referring to this because, as I submitted on the last occasion, Clauses 32 to 38 of this Bill, which relate to preventive detention, are included only as temporary provisions in the legislation passed by the Central Government. It will be on the statute Book only till April 31st 1951. My submission is that this Government will have to take that into consideration and limit its operation to a period of one year. I should like in this connection that these legislations, which came in the wake of war, are intended to continue only for the duration of war. Now the Defence of Travancore Act, and the Defence of India Act, which were promulgated in the year 1939 continued till 1946. Under the War Termination Act, a date was fixed for the termination of war and accordingly it terminated on 30th September 1946. When that Act terminated, the Emergency Powers Act was promulgated and operation was restricted for a period of two years and it expired on 30th September 1948. Government by a notification extended the period by one year. When that too expired, an Ordinance was promulgated and that was published in the form of a Bill :

*The House adjourned at 4.30 p. m. to meet again at 11 a. m. on
Tuesday the 28th March 1950.*

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